2.10.6. Formulations Containing RAM

Standard

In mills where restricted animal material is used and ruminant feed is also manufactured, is there a system to identify formulations contain restricted animal material and is unsuitable for ruminant feeding?
Confirm that the identification is recognised by manufacturing staff producing feed.

Purpose

Ensuring a formal system of identifying formulations containing RAM is used to assist with transparency during production process.

Reason

Formulations must capture all essential information from raw materials to meet specification. However, measures should be in place to mitigate the misuse of formulations containing RAWM to avoid their inclusion in incompatible feeds. Additionally, incorporating a RAM identifier in the formulation naming helps production personnel ensure proper sequencing and flushing procedures are followed post-production.

What is Acceptable?

A system of identifying formulations containing RAM can be achieved through a checklist or procedure outlining the key word or letter/number that categorises the formulation with RAM ingredients. The goal is to risk manage incorrect use of formulations containing RAM and ensure the manufacture of safe and quality feed.

Formulation Master File
A master file for all formulations shall be implemented as per Fact Sheet 4.1.1 & 4.1.2. Each formulation shall contain the minimum information addressed in Fact Sheet 4.1.3. For formulations containing RAM, this should be identified in information box (marked in red). The operator could also consider creating a separate Master Formulation File for RAM only formulations.

By segregating formulations, the operator can risk manage the incorrect use of formulations. Having a key marker in the formulation name enables staff producing feed to easily recognise the high-risk products. This approach is appropriate in multi-species mills manufacturing ruminant feeds.